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Bowen's Wharf Company, Inc; c/o Bart Dunbar; P.O. Box 60; Bowen's Wharf; Newport, Rhode Island 02840; has requested a Corps of Engineers permit under Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act to expand an existing permitted commercial marina in Newport Harbor by installing additional pile-secured floats. The work will provide more space for passengers of the Newport/Jamestown ferry. The proposed project is shown on the attached plans and is described below:

- Extend the existing float system seaward by 130-feet and install a new 4' x 26' ramp.
- The additional float system consists of 50-feet of 8-foot wide floats, 60-feet of 12-foot wide floats and a 20-foot by 24-foot wide float at the seaward end.
- Relocate the existing pump-out facility to the outermost float.

The project will impact approximately 1600 square feet (0.03 acre) of Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) – see attached sheets 3 and 4 for a list of the species and life stages. Loss of this habitat may adversely affect these species by the shading effects of the floats. Shading could result in a decrease of primary productivity and, consequently, a reduction in availability of food source. However, the District Engineer has made a preliminary determination that the site-specific adverse effect will not be substantial. Further consultation with NMFS regarding EFH conservation recommendations is being conducted and will be concluded prior to the final decision.

The project site is at lat/long coordinates N41°-29'-13" and W71°-19'-3". To properly evaluate the proposal, we are seeking public comment. Anyone wishing to comment is encouraged to do so. Comments should be submitted in writing by the above date. If you have any questions, please contact Michael Elliott at (978) 318-8131 or use our toll free number (800) 343-4789 or (800) 362-4367 if calling from within Massachusetts.

Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider the application. Requests for a public hearing shall specifically state the reasons for holding a public hearing. The Corps holds public hearings for the purpose of obtaining public comments, when that is the best means for understanding a wide variety of concerns from a diverse segment of the public.

Robert J. DeSista
Chief, Permits & Enforcement Section
Regulatory Branch

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DETAILS OF EVALUATION
FACTORS

The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact of the proposed activity in the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit which may reasonably accrue from the proposal must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered, including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are: conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, cultural value, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, flood plain value, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food production and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

Where the activity involves the discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States or the transportation of dredged material for the purpose of disposing it in ocean waters, the evaluation of the impact of the activity in the public interest will also include application of the guidelines promulgated by the Administrator, U.S Environmental Protection Agency, under authority of Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act, and/or Section 103 of the Marine Protection Research and Sanctuaries Act of 1972 as amended.

Based on his initial review, the District Engineer has determined that little likelihood exists for the proposed work to impinge upon properties listed in, or eligible for listing in, the National Register of Historic Places, and no further consideration of the requirements of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, is necessary. This determination is based upon one or more of the following:

- a. The permit area has been extensively modified by previous work.
- b. The permit area has been recently created.
- c. The proposed activity is of limited nature and scope.
- d. Review of the latest published version of the National Register shows that no presence of registered properties listed as being eligible for inclusion therein are in the permit area or general vicinity.

Pursuant to the Endangered Species Act, the District Engineer is hereby requesting that the appropriate Federal Agency provide comments regarding the presence of and potential impacts to listed species or its critical habitat.

The initial determinations made herein will be reviewed in light of facts submitted in response to this notice.

The following authorizations have been applied for, or have been, or will be obtained:

- ☒ (X) Permit, License or Assent from State.
- ☐ () Permit from Local Wetland Agency or Conservation Commission.
- ☒ (X) Water Quality Certification in accordance with Section 401 of the Clean Water Act.

The States of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Rhode Island have approved Coastal Zone Management Programs. Where applicable the applicant states that any proposed activity will comply with and will be conducted in a manner that is consistent with the approved Coastal Zone Management Program. By this Public Notice, we are requesting the State concurrence or objection to the applicant's consistency statement.

All comments will be considered a matter of public record. Copies of letters of objection will be forwarded to the applicant who will normally be requested to contact objectors directly in an effort to reach an understanding.

THIS NOTICE IS NOT AN AUTHORIZATION TO DO ANY WORK.

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Summary of Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) Designation

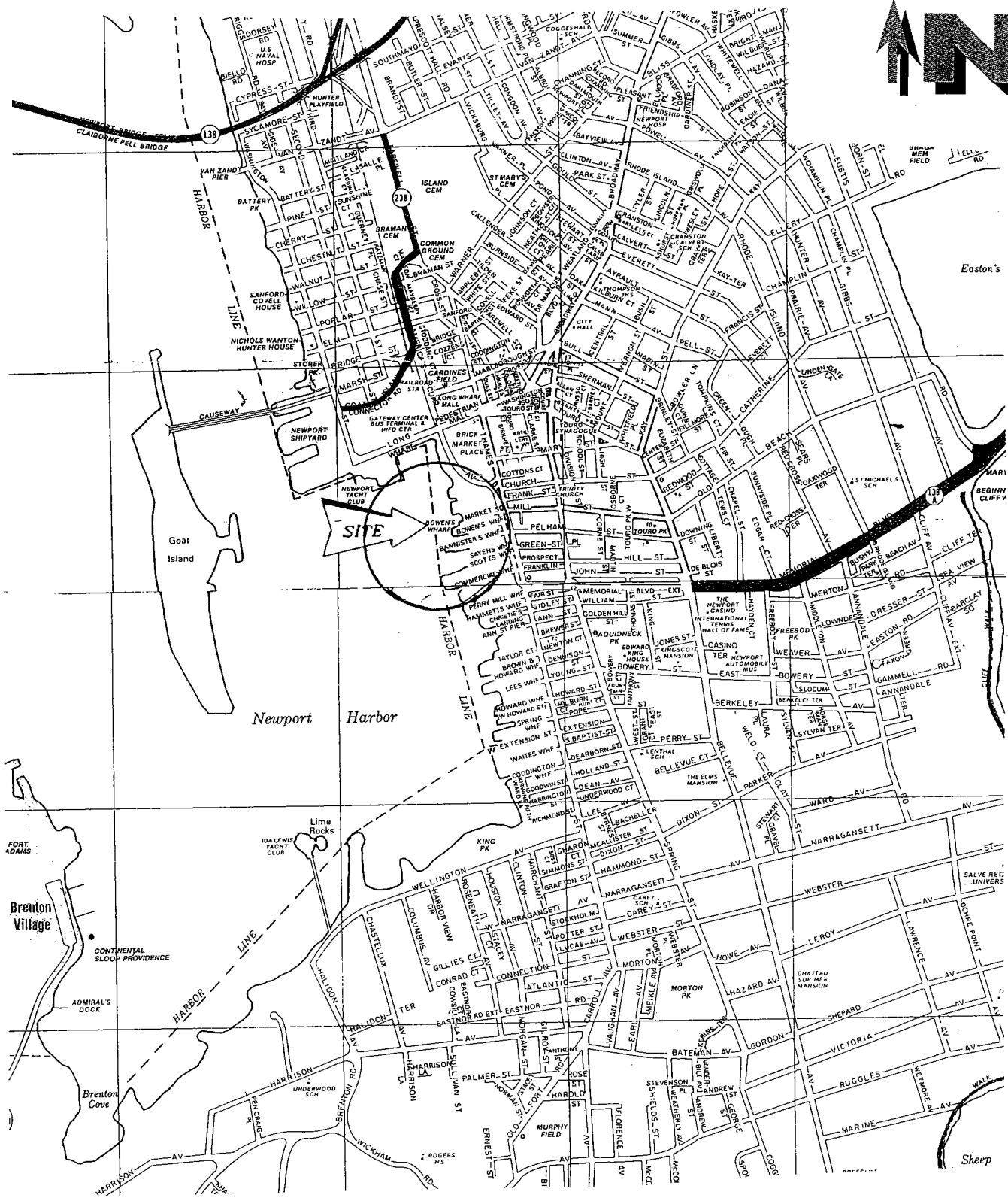
10' x 10' Square Coordinates:

Boundary	North	East	South	West
Coordinate	41° 30.0' N	71° 20.0' W	41° 20.0' N	71° 30.0' W

Square Description (i.e. habitat, landmarks, coastline markers): Atlantic Ocean waters within Narragansett Bay within the square affecting the following: from Point Judith Harbor, Rhode Island to the west half of Newport Neck, along with the southern half of Conanicut Island, along with the inlets to the East and West Passage. These waters also affect the following: The Dumplings, Rose I., Brenton Pt., Fort Adams, Jamestown, R.I., Mackerel Cove, Beavertail Pt., Beaverhead, The Bonnet, Bonnet Pt., Watson Pier, Old Antonio Rock, Jones Ledge, Haycock Ledge, Brenton Reef, Seal Ledge, Whale Rock, River Ledge, Narragansett Pier, Point Judith, RI., Little Neck, Point Judith Neck, Black Pt., along with the precautionary area to the shipping traffic lanes to and from Narragansett Bay.

Species	Eggs	Larvae	Juveniles	Adults
Atlantic cod (<i>Gadus morhua</i>)				X
haddock (<i>Melanogrammus aeglefinus</i>)		X		
pollock (<i>Pollachius virens</i>)				
whiting (<i>Merluccius bilinearis</i>)	X	X	X	
red hake (<i>Urophycis chuss</i>)	X	X	X	X
white hake (<i>Urophycis tenuis</i>)				
witch flounder (<i>Glyptocephalus cynoglossus</i>)				
winter flounder (<i>Pleuronectes americanus</i>)	X	X	X	X
yellowtail flounder (<i>Pleuronectes ferruginea</i>)				
windowpane flounder (<i>Scopthalmus aquosus</i>)	X	X	X	X
American plaice (<i>Hippoglossoides platessoides</i>)		X	X	X
ocean pout (<i>Macrozoarces americanus</i>)	X	X	X	X
Atlantic sea scallop (<i>Placopecten magellanicus</i>)				
Atlantic sea herring (<i>Clupea harengus</i>)		X	X	X
monkfish (<i>Lophius americanus</i>)	X	X		
bluefish (<i>Pomatomus saltatrix</i>)			X	X
long finned squid (<i>Loligo pealei</i>)	n/a	n/a	X	X
short finned squid (<i>Illex illecebrosus</i>)	n/a	n/a		

Atlantic butterfish (<i>Peprilus triacanthus</i>)			X	
Atlantic mackerel (<i>Scomber scombrus</i>)	X	X	X	X
summer flounder (<i>Paralichthys dentatus</i>)		X	X	X
scup (<i>Stenotomus chrysops</i>)	X	X	X	X
black sea bass (<i>Centropristus striata</i>)	n/a		X	X
surf clam (<i>Spisula solidissima</i>)	n/a	n/a	X	X
ocean quahog (<i>Artica islandica</i>)	n/a	n/a		
spiny dogfish (<i>Squalus acanthias</i>)	n/a	n/a	X	X
tilefish (<i>Lopholatilus chamaeleonticeps</i>)				
king mackerel (<i>Scomberomorus cavalla</i>)	X	X	X	X
Spanish mackerel (<i>Scomberomorus maculatus</i>)	X	X	X	X
cobia (<i>Rachycentron canadum</i>)	X	X	X	X
sand tiger shark (<i>Odontaspis taurus</i>)		X		
blue shark (<i>Prionace glauca</i>)		X		X
dusky shark (<i>Charcharinus obscurus</i>)			X	
shortfin mako shark (<i>Isurus oxyrhincus</i>)			X	
sandbar shark (<i>Charcharinus plumbeus</i>)			X	X
bluefin tuna (<i>Thunnus thynnus</i>)				X



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Figure 11: SITE LOCATION MAP

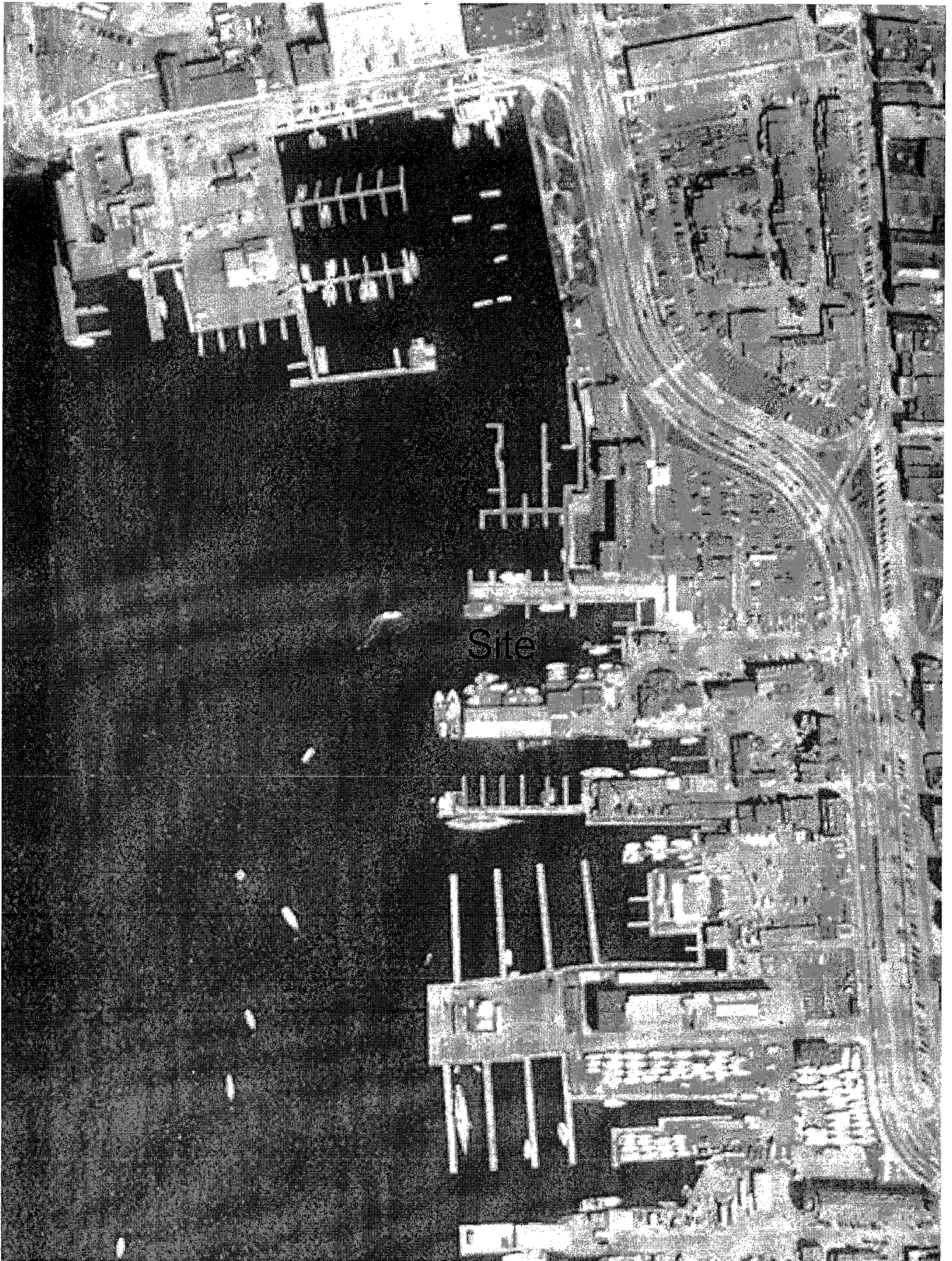
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Map 24 Lot352

Bowen Wharf

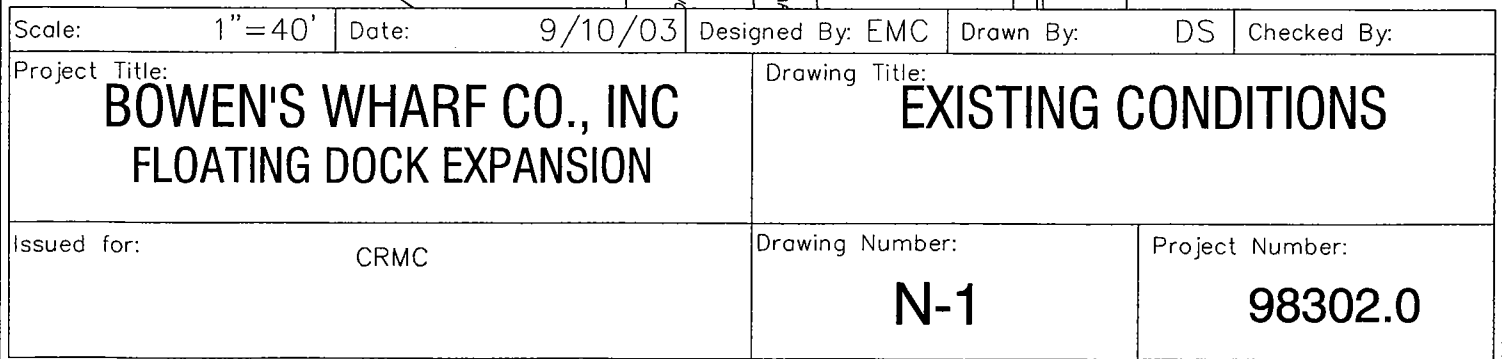
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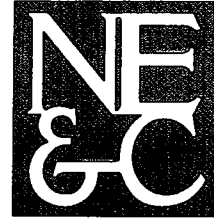


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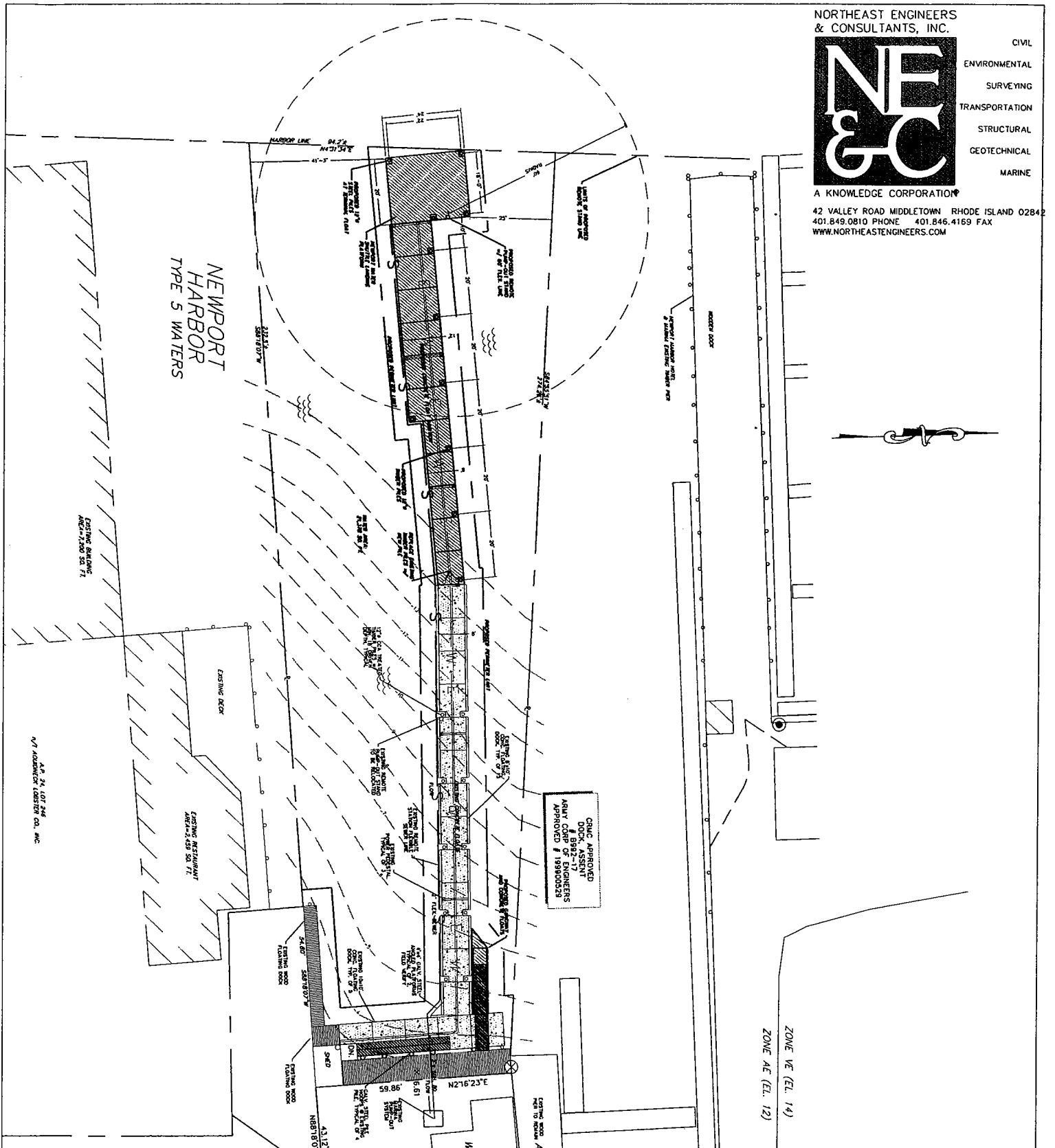
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REMOTE STAND LINE

RADIUS
60'

PROPOSED REMOTE
PUMP-OUT STAND
w/ 60' FLEX. LINE

18'-0"

25'

10'

20'

20'

12'

PROPOSED CO

NEWPORT WATER
SHUTTLE LANDING
PLATFORM

PROPOSED 12"Ø
STEEL PILES
AT TERMINAL FLOAT

20'

HARBOR LINE

94.2'±
N4°31'34"E

41'-3"

232.5'±
S88°18'07"W

24'
22'

